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Application No.: 09/396,740

Group Art Unit: 2624 OFFICE OF PETITIONS

Filed: September 15, 1999

For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,  
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,  
AND RECORDING MEDIUM

Date: September 23, 2004

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ No additional fee is required.

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| CLAIMS AS AMENDED                              |  |       |  |                         |                |                   |
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|  | (2)<br>CLAIMS<br>REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT |       | (4)<br>HIGHEST NO.<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR | (5)<br>PRESENT<br>EXTRA | RATE           | ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |
| TOTAL<br>CLAIMS                                | *<br>50  | MINUS | **<br>43                                     | =<br>7                  | x \$9<br>\$18  | \$126.00          |
| INDEP.<br>CLAIMS                               | *<br>23  | MINUS | ***<br>23                                    | =<br>0                  | x \$43<br>\$86 | \$0               |
| Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$145°/\$290 |  |       |  |                         |                | \$0               |
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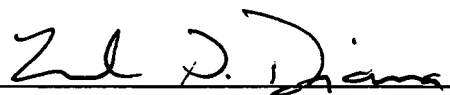
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- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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- ☒ Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to continued examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows. A change to the inventorship is reflected at page 2, and the changes to the claims are reflected in the listing that begins at page 3. The Remarks begin at page 26.

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IN THE INVENTORSHIP

Please change the inventorship by deleting Mr. Takahiro Oshino, leaving as inventor Hiroyuki Shinbata.